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## **Overview**

In accordance with the Economic Development Article §11-207, this constitutes the annual report of the Maryland Military Installation Council (MMIC). MMIC met twice during 2011: May 20 and October 17. Meetings are chaired by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Secretary, Christian Johansson, and directed by MMIC Executive Director, BGen Mike Hayes who is also DBED's Program Director for the Office of Military and Federal Affairs (OMFA). OMFA continues to provide direct support and coordinates all actions associated with the MMIC.

MMIC continues to be a forum for community, military installation, business, State agency and elected official dialogue on issues associated with Maryland's bases. In the past few years the issues have focused on implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions. However, MMIC also provides a forum for non-BRAC related issues, including encroachment, public-private partnering and best practices.

In September 2011, the Department of Defense (DoD) completed the BRAC 2005 recommendations resulting in a major transformation for five (5) Maryland-based military installations. The 2011 MMIC meetings focused on providing the Council a final BRAC 2005 status and achievements report from each base. Recognizing the continued threats to the DoD budget and ongoing DoD efficiency restructuring, MMIC invited DoD officials to address and share with Maryland's military community how challenges at the national level may affect those military installations based in Maryland. The May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting featured keynote Secretary Anthony Principi, former Secretary of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and Chairman of the BRAC 2005 Commission. The October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting hosted representatives from Naval District Washington and the Naval Air Systems Command to discuss potential sustainability challenges related to windmill alternative energy generation.

Brief summaries of the two 2011 meetings are provided below. Detailed outlines are available by contacting DBED's Office of Military and Federal Affairs at 410-767-6321.

## **May 20, 2011 Meeting**

MMIC met on May 20, 2011 at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) headquarters in Crownsville. The meeting was chaired by DBED Deputy Secretary Dominick Murray, with over 100 attendees including secretaries of State agencies, installation commanders, and congressional staff.

BGen Mike Hayes opened up the meeting by introducing the newest MMIC Members – Mike Langford, George Owings and Ed Sierra. Deputy Secretary Murray then announced Governor O'Malley's signing of a new State entrepreneurial incentive program *InvestMaryland* that will be administered by DBED.

Opening comments by both BGen Hayes and Deputy Secretary Murray were followed by a briefing by DBED Tourism, Film and the Arts Assistant Secretary Hannah Byron on Maryland's 9/11 Memorial. Maryland is the second state (New York being the first) to request the artifacts for the memorial which will include a 22-foot long artifact steel beam from New York's World Trade Center 94th and 97th floors. The memorial was dedicated on September 11, 2011 in front of Baltimore's World Trade Center building.

Maryland State Senator and MMIC Member John Astle gave an overview of the 2011 Maryland legislative session. BGen Hayes then introduced guest speaker Secretary Anthony Principi. Secretary Principi's address to the Council referred to the challenges and goals of the BRAC 2005 round. Secretary Principi, while recognizing the successful BRAC implementation and prominent mission growth in Maryland, warned of naivety to future BRAC immunity. He strongly encouraged all installation communities to be on alert and to prepare now for installation advocacy.

Following Secretary Principi was Tim Ford, Executive Director of the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). Mr. Ford discussed ADC's newly formed Defense Community Caucus comprised of U.S. Representatives from our nation's defense communities speaking in a unified, bi-partisan voice to advance dialogue on issues facing defense communities, states and installations. Mr. Ford also mentioned the July 2011 ADC Annual Conference in Norfolk. He concluded by stating ADC hopes to bring the conference to Baltimore in 2013.

The Council then heard from Maryland Department of Planning Secretary Richard Hall on PlanMaryland. A panel of Maryland's regional BRAC Coordinators followed, updating the Council as to regional and local BRAC activity in and around the 5 BRAC-impacted installation communities in Maryland – Joint Base Andrews, Fort George G. Meade, National Naval Medical Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground and Fort Detrick. The remaining time on the agenda was given to the presidents of the seven local military alliances and representatives from nine (9) State agencies.

### **October 17, 2011 Meeting**

MMIC met October 17, 2011 at the DHCD headquarters in Crownsville. BGen Mike Hayes provided the welcoming remarks.

In his opening remarks, BGen Hayes thanked all for their efforts in the planning and implementation of the BRAC 2005 impacts in Maryland. With all moves being completed either on-time or ahead of schedule, the BRAC 2005 completion in Maryland resulted in over 19,000 direct BRAC jobs. With the actualization of over 7,000 indirect BRAC jobs, BGen Hayes commented that the State is on track to meet its estimates - 40,000 – 60,000 BRAC jobs created.

BGen Hayes introduced U.S. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett. In his address to the Council, Congressman Bartlett recognized and congratulated Maryland on its success in BRAC stating, Maryland came out as a top winner in the 2005 BRAC round. He acknowledged that while BRAC for DoD is complete, there are still infrastructure concerns, especially in transportation, that need to be addressed. Congressman Bartlett concluded by promoting the SMART PROC Conference.

Gary Kessler of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station (NAS) and Chris Jarobe of the Naval Air Systems Command briefed the Council on the challenges presented by proposed windmill farms and off-shore windmill sites. While the Navy is supportive of wind energy development, they request an open dialogue between the Navy and the State while in the planning process as to avoid potential threats to mission sustainability and growth at Patuxent River NAS.

As a wrap up of BRAC 2005, the Council then heard from Commanders and senior leadership from each of the five (5) Maryland BRAC-impacted installations who gave the Council their final BRAC 2005 report. Highlights include the completion of over \$3 billion in military construction, the opening of the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and a new public charter school on Joint Base Andrews, Ft. Meade's completion of 8 new buildings and transfer of over 5,000 positions, Communications-Electronics Command retention of 69% of its over 8,000 strong workforce in its relocation from Ft. Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Ground, the relocation of the National Museum of Health and Medicine and a continuing \$3 billion construction enterprise at Ft. Detrick.

The October meeting concluded with comments and updates from Presidents of the seven military alliances, MMIC members and representatives of attending State agencies.

### **Findings and Recommendations**

While MMIC does not have any specific findings or recommendations, MMIC is exploring a Joint Land Use Study for some of Maryland's military installations. The Study would address encroachment issues. We hope to share the results of the Study in next year's annual report.